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1. Vlone port is not extensively used by foreign shipping, except for the export of oil. Goods imported through Vlone are those for local use, such as pipes and machinery for the oilfields of Kucove and Patos.

2. Early in May 1951, two Rumanian ships brought 5,000 tons of wheat to Vlone. This is the only shipment of grain to this port during 1951.

3. Some glass and chemicals arrived from Czechoslovakia during 1951, although the imports were comprised of not more than two or three shipments.

4. Other imports (sic - presumably during 1951) have been machinery, pipes and iron for the oilfields and local factories. 50X

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known to have arrived at Vlcne. [redacted] no Soviet ships were

5. Exports through the port of Vlone have been petroleum, tobacco, olive oil, eggs, wool and oranges. These are the same kind of goods that were exported in 1949. Apart from the petroleum, the shipments were destined for the USSR.

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6. Albanian oil when exported is taken off at Uj te ftohte pumping station, south of Vlone harbor. In this connection, [] the separate oil pipeline from Patos to Uj te ftohte has been completed and is working; although a single pipeline, it is considered adequate.

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7. The oil is loaded on [] tankers only. The destination of the tankers is not known [] In 1949, Communists (sic) stated that the Soviets sent all the Albanian oil [] for refining. 50X1-HUM
8. Ships reportedly remain in Vlone harbor from five to eight days (sic).

Durres

9. The majority of imports for Albania arrive at the port of Durres.
10. Some ships at Durres have been unloaded at night by troops, no civilian labor being employed. On these occasions, the cases which were unloaded are believed to have contained aircraft parts.

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